

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite that the barrel having two intercommunicating chambers has an extrusion opening at a tip end thereof. Applicant respectfully submits that this is inherent from the description at page 1, lines 16-17, of extruding the kneaded product to the outside from a tip end of the extruder.

Claim 10 has also been amended to delete the recitation that the screw set is rotatably supported only at one end. This is believed to render moot the only outstanding rejection, i.e., the alleged failure to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

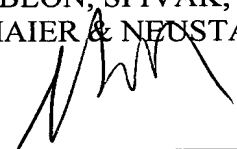
Applicant notes that Claims 10-13 also define over U.S. patent 5,947,593 (Inoue et al) upon which the Examiner most recently relied to reject the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in the Office Action of September 30, 2004, since the claims now further recite an extrusion opening at the tip end of the chambers. The ends of the kneading chambers in Inoue et al, on the other hand, are sealed and the kneaded product is discharged via the bottom door shown at the lower left side of the kneader in Fig. 2B.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the prior art cited in the IDS filed on June 23, 2005.

Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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